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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: Hui et al.  
Serial No.: 10/799,413  
Filed: March 12, 2004  
Art Unit: 2814  
Examiner: Mai, Anh D.  
Title: AVOIDING FIELD OXIDE GOUGING IN SHALLOW  
TRENCH ISOLATION (STI) REGIONS

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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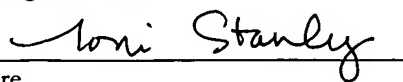
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 16, 2005 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 16, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

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**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached new sheet.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.